

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows, with all references to the herein submitted English-language translation of the international patent application.

Page 11, amend the heading on line 21 as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 20, amend the paragraph on lines 7-9 as follows:

To achieve the above objects, the disk drive device of the present invention adopts a spindle motor ~~as claimed in one of Claims 7 through 16~~ as the drive mechanism for rotating the disk.

Page 23, after the heading "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" on line 8, add the following paragraph:

The following detailed description, given by way of example and not intended to limit the present invention solely thereto, will best be appreciated in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals denote like elements and parts, in which:

Page 25, amend the heading on line 19 as follows:

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
INVENTION

Page 32, amend the paragraph on lines 9-22 as follows:

The hub 12 portion of the second integral member formed of an aluminum silicon alloy has: a disk placing step portion 12a on which a disk 14 consisting of a hard disk is to be placed; a large diameter cylindrical portion 12b concentrically fixing and holding a yoke 15 in the form of a cylinder formed of magnetic metal and a cylindrical magnet 16 fixed to the yoke 15 by adhesion, press-fitting, squeezing, etc.; a disk placing portion 12c on which the disk 14 is to be placed; a screw hole 12d for passing a screw 17 for fixing the disk 14 in the state in which the disk 14 is placed on the disk placing portion 12c; a ~~clampler~~ clammer placing portion 12e on which there is placed a clamper 18 for holding the disk 14 between itself and the disk placing portion 12c; a clamper fitting step portion 12f to be fitted into a central hole of the clamper 18; and a coil facing recess 12g recessed so as to secure a sufficient space for the coil winding 5. Usually, the second integral member, the counter plate 13, the yoke 15, the magnet 16, etc. form the rotor portion of the spindle motor 10; in this specification, however, the rotor is what is obtained by excluding the sleeve 11 portion from the rotor as considered in the ordinary sense.

Page 62, after line 21, add the following paragraph:

While the present invention has been particularly shown and described in conjunction with a preferred embodiment thereof, it will be readily appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art that various changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. Therefore, it is intended that the appended claims be interpreted as including the embodiments described herein, the alternatives mentioned above, and all equivalents thereto.